

# NICKEL-HYDROGEN BATTERY DESIGN FOR THE TRANSPORTER ENERGY STORAGE SUBSYSTEM (TESS)

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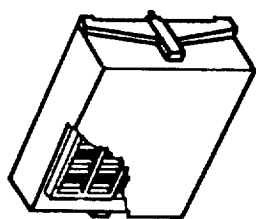
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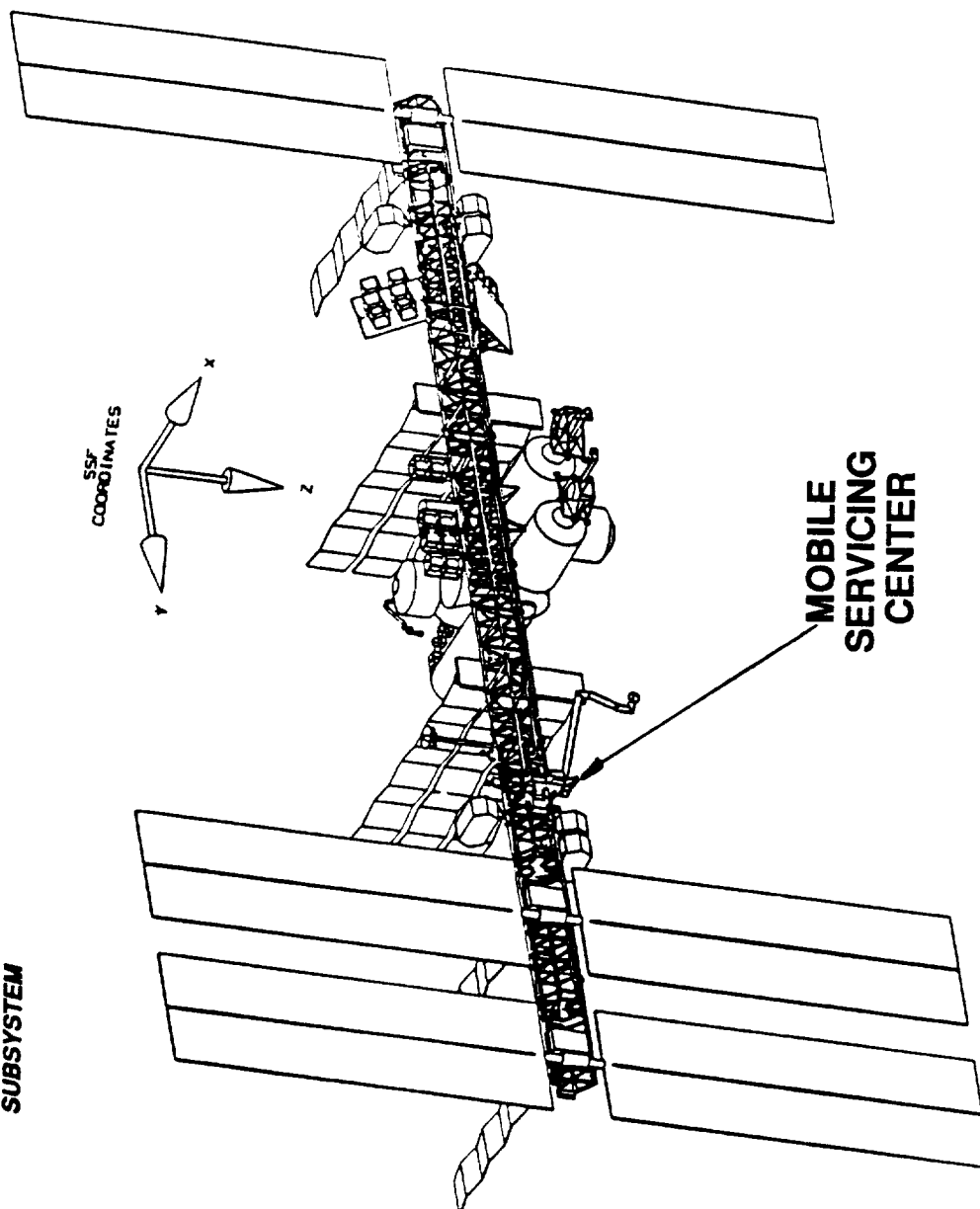
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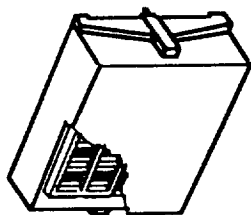


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- TESS PROVIDES 120 VOLT POWER DURING TRANSLATION OF MOBILE SERVICING CENTER.
- TESS IS RECHARGED USING SPACE STATION 120 VOLT POWER AT BOTH WORK SITES AND HOME BASE.



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CENTER



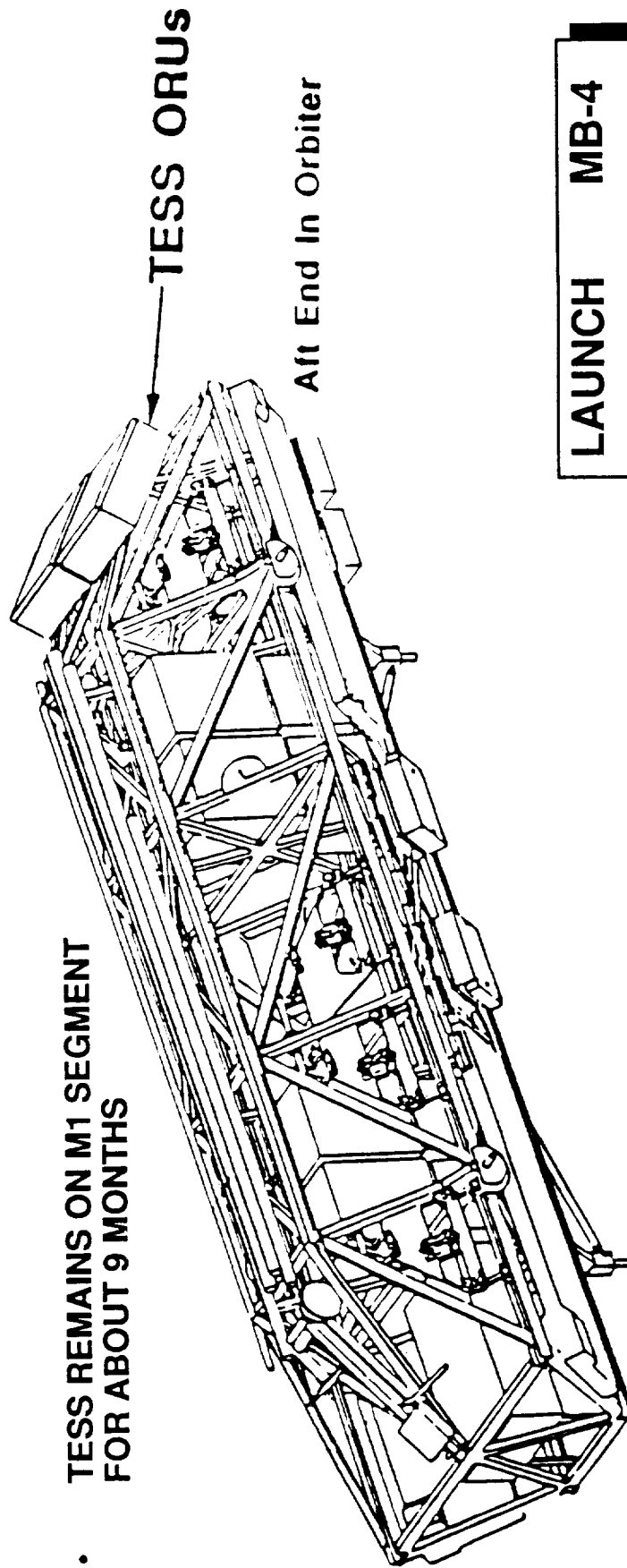
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# TESS IN LAUNCH CONFIGURATION

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- TESS BATTERY LAUNCHED DISCHARGED AND OPEN CIRCUIT

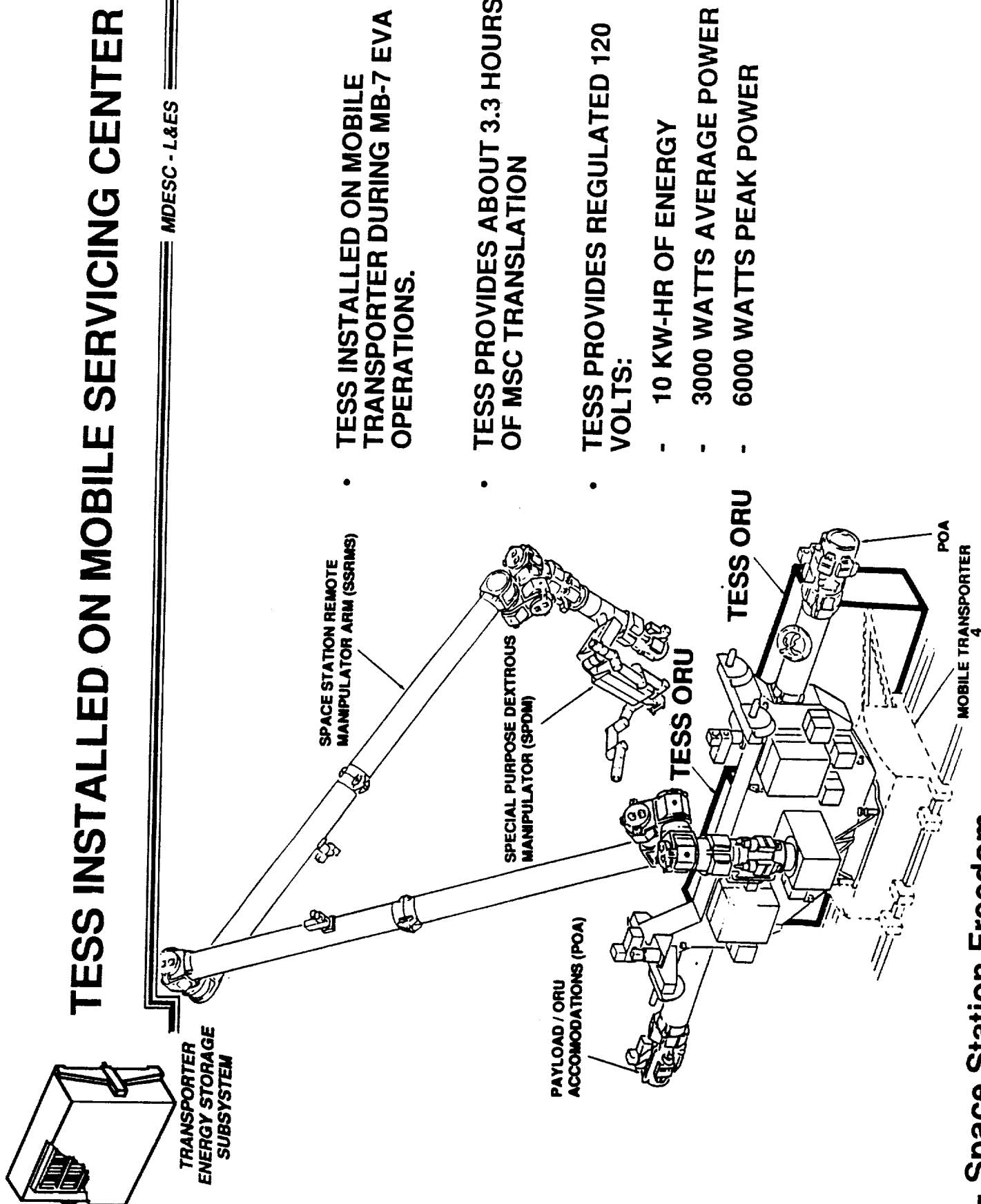
- TESS REMAINS ON M1 SEGMENT FOR ABOUT 9 MONTHS



LAUNCH	MB-4
SEGMENT	M1

# TESS INSTALLED ON MOBILE SERVICING CENTER

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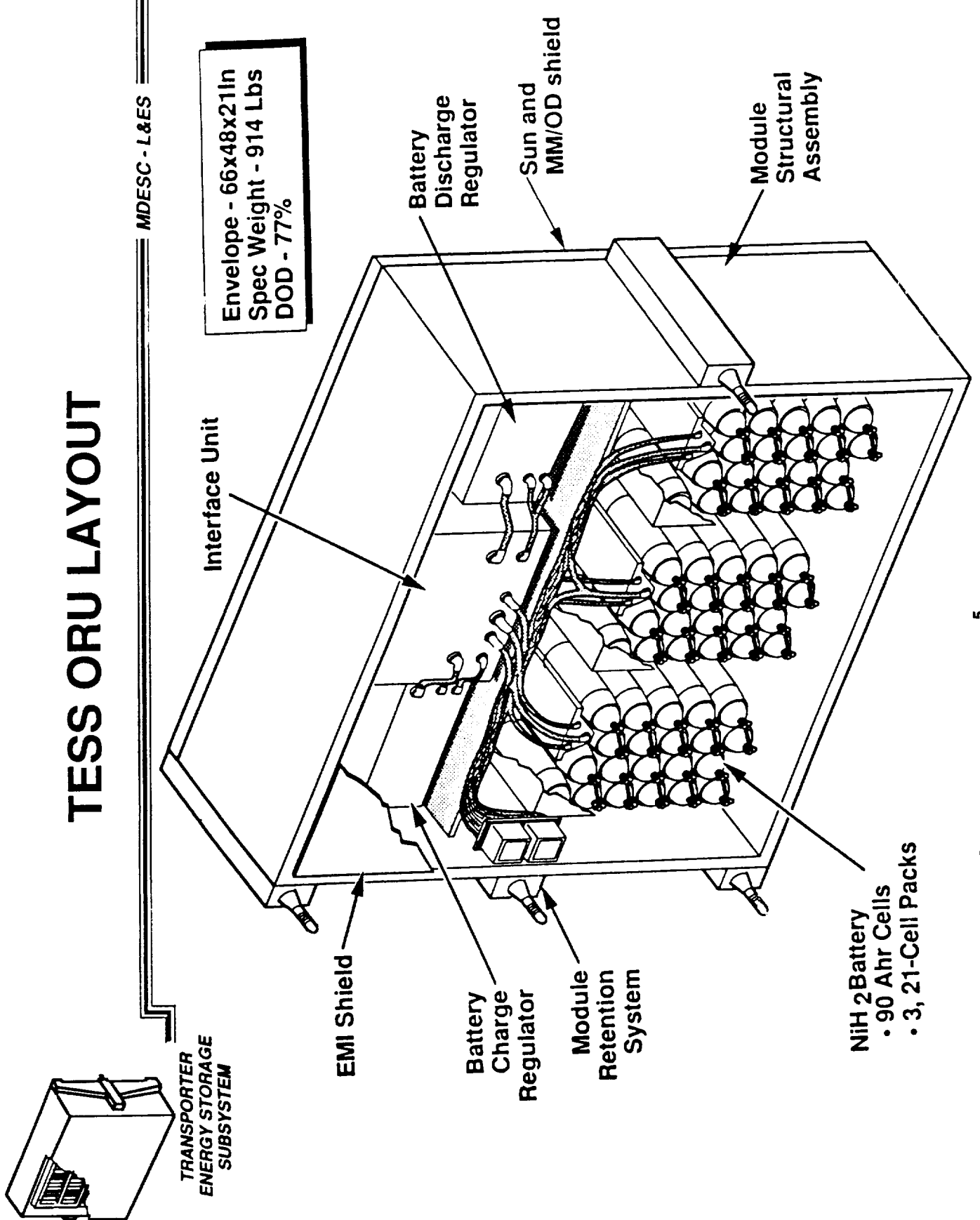
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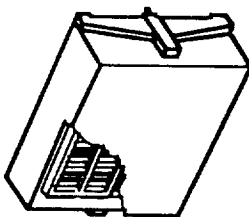
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# TESS ORU LAYOUT

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Envelope - 66x48x21in  
Spec Weight - 914 Lbs  
DOD - 77%



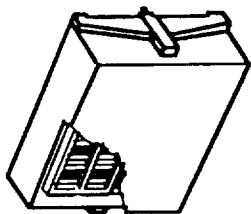


# BATTERY DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

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- SUPPORT TESS/MT INTERFACE POWER & ENERGY REQUIREMENTS
  - 3000 WATTS OF AVERAGE OUTPUT POWER AT 120 VOLTS
  - 6000 WATTS OF PEAK OUTPUT POWER AT 120 VOLTS
  - 12,000 WATTS OF FAULT CLEARING POWER
  - 10 KILOWATT-HOURS OF MAXIMUM OUTPUT ENERGY AT 120 VOLTS
  - 7 KILOWATT-HOURS OF NOMINAL OUTPUT ENERGY AT 120 VOLTS
- OPERATIONAL LIFE OF 10 YEARS, THUS 2 REPLACEMENTS OVER SPACE STATION MISSION LIFE OF 30 YEARS.
  - 150 MOBILE SERVICING CENTER MISSIONS PER YEAR
  - 65 % AT NOMINAL ENERGY LEVEL (7 KW-HR), 35 % AT MAXIMUM
- SYSTEM REDUNDANCY, FAIL DEGRADE, FAIL SAFE

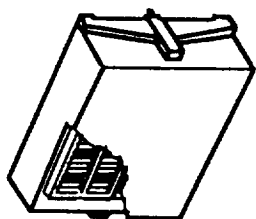


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# BATTERY DESIGN REQUIREMENTS (CONTINUED)

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- **STRUCTURAL, CELL PRESSURE VESSEL**
  - **PROOF PRESSURE: 1.5 x MAXIMUM OPERATING PRESSURE**
  - **ULTIMATE PRESSURE: 3 x MAXIMUM OPERATING PRESSURE**
- **THERMAL, PASSIVELY COOLED**
  - **OPERATING: 0 °C TO +25 °C**
  - **NON-OPERATING: -10 °C TO +35 °C**



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## TESS BATTERY DESIGN

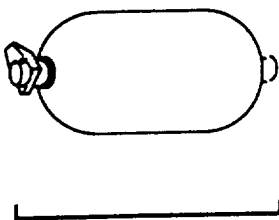
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- TWO 63-CELL NICKEL HYDROGEN BATTERIES
  - THREE 21-CELL SUBASSEMBLIES, CONNECTED IN SERIES
  - 90 AMP-HR HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE (HST) CELLS, MODIFIED
- 21-CELL SUBASSEMBLY
  - WEIGHT: 149 LBS INCLUDING MM/OD COVERS
  - SIZE: 14.9 W x 23.7 L x 13.0 H (INCHES)
  - 3 ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS: POWER, INSTRUMENTATION, AND TEST MONITOR
  - CELL ISOLATION: FIBERGLASS WRAP POTTED BETWEEN CELL AND COLLAR
  - BATTERY HOUSING, CELL COLLARS, AND BATTERY COVERS MADE OF ALUMINUM



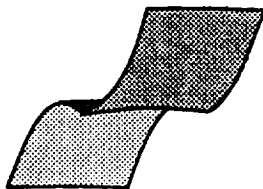


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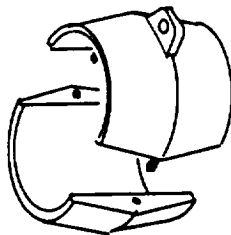
Cell Supplier = TBD

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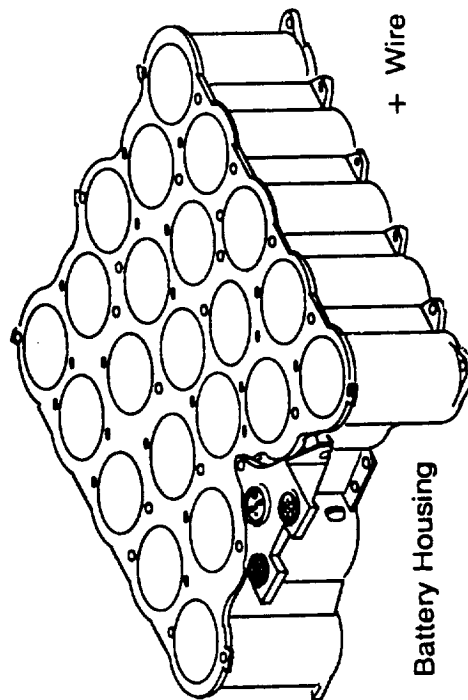
Fiberglass  
Wrap

+ CV-2942 RTV +



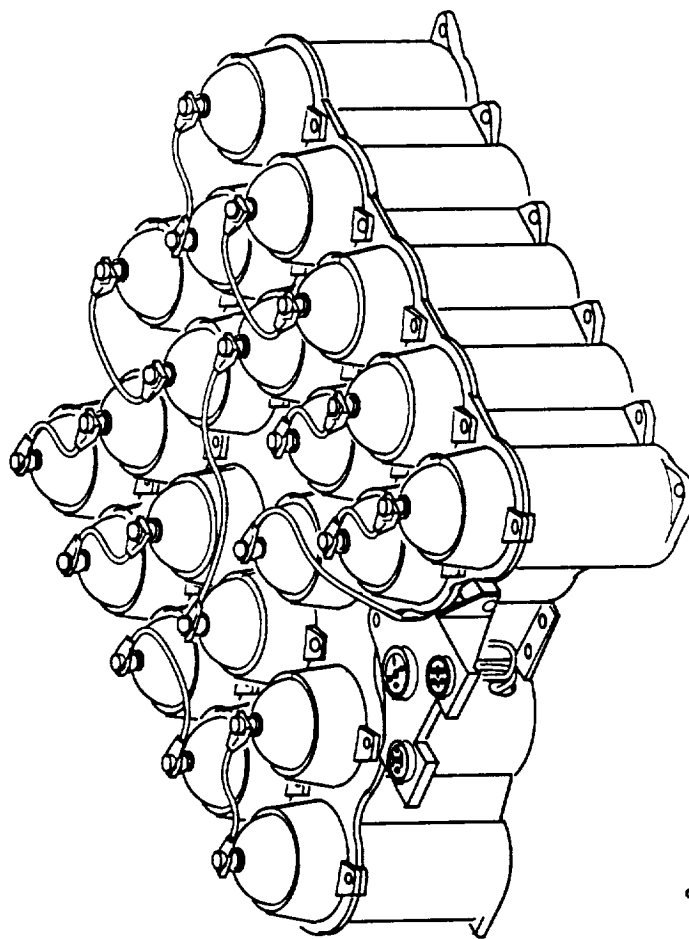
Cell Collars

X 21 + CV-2942 RTV +



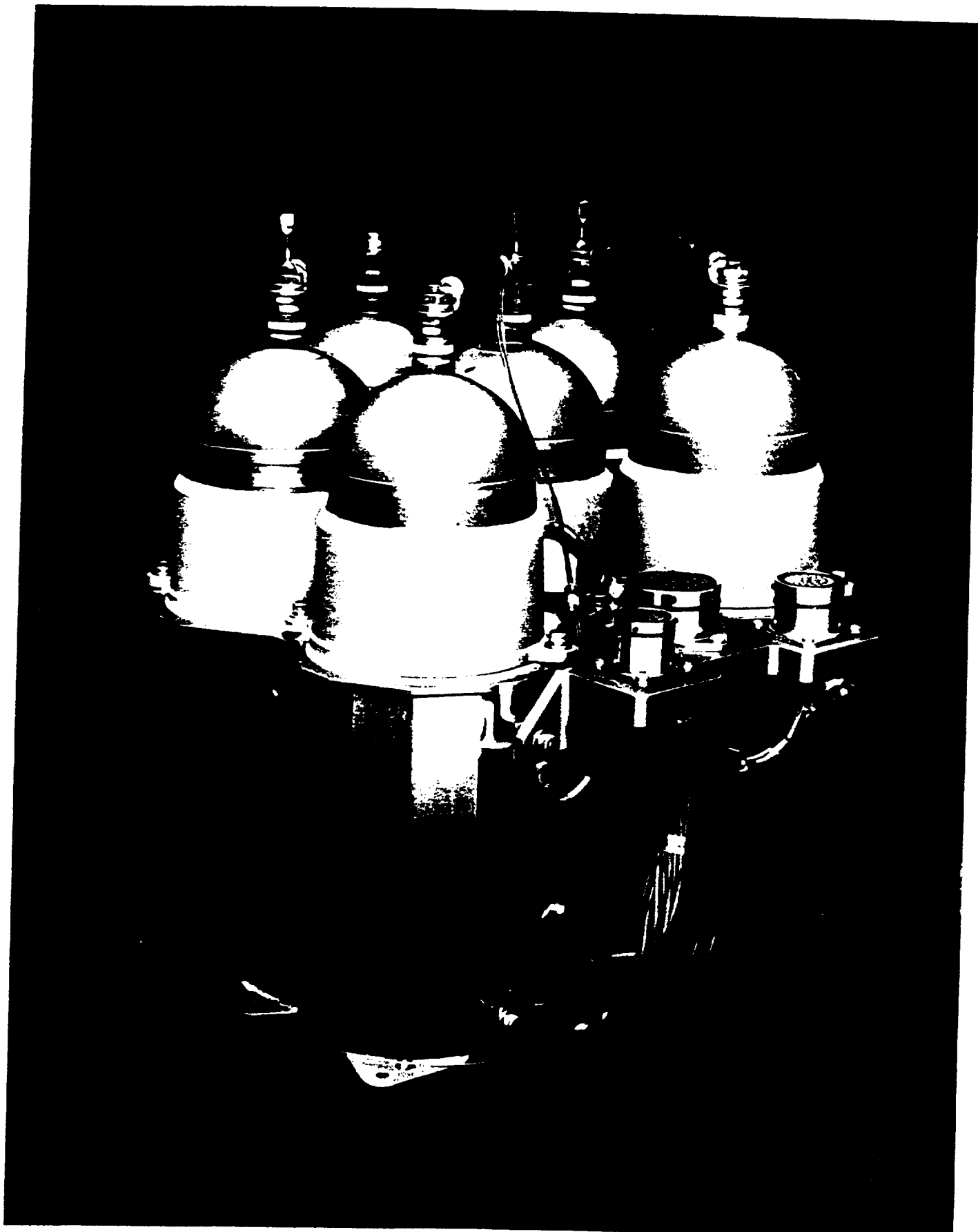
Battery Housing

+ Wire =



# TESS NICKEL-HYDROGEN BATTERY SUBASSEMBLY DESIGN

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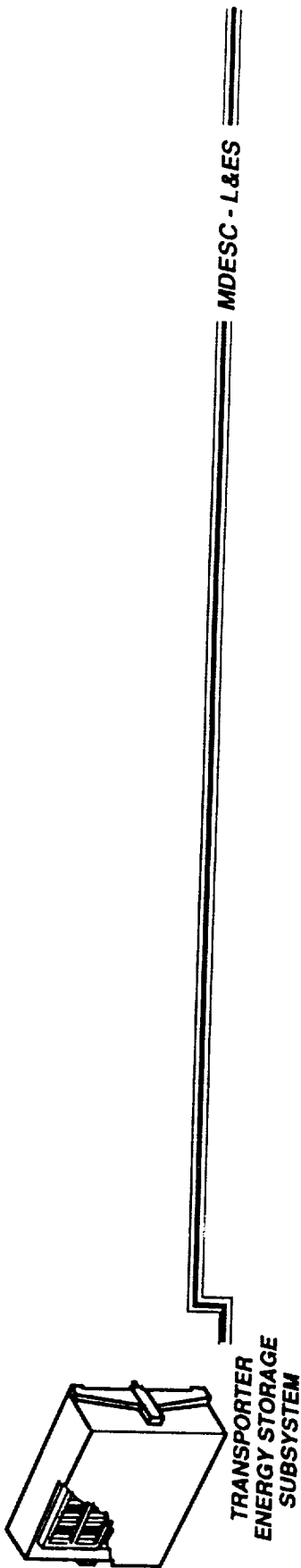


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## PROOF-OF-PRINCIPLE TESTING OF 6-CELL BATTERY

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- CELLS ARE USAF/HUGHES 50 AMP-HR DESIGN OF 1985 VINTAGE (40 AMP-HR.)
- ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTIC TEST WILL NOT PROVIDE DATA RELATIVE TO TESS CELL/BATTERY.
- DISCHARGE EFFICIENCY TESTS WILL VERIFY THERMAL ANALYSIS AND PERFORMANCE OF BATTERY DESIGN AT 10 °C & 20 °C.
  - 1.9 °C GRADIENT ACROSS BATTERY CELL.
  - 1.7 °C GRADIENT FROM CELL TO CELL WITHIN BATTERY.
  - 9.7 °C GRADIENT FROM MIDDLE-OF-CELL (MOC) TO RADIATOR SURFACE (COLDPLATE)
  - TESS BATTERY WILL HAVE A LOWER BATTERY MOC TO RADIATOR GRADIENT DUE TO THE REDUCED HEIGHT (AXIAL/FILL TUBE)
- RANDOM VIBRATION TEST WILL VERIFY STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS AND INTEGRITY OF THIS BATTERY DESIGN.
  - TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED WEEK OF 4 NOVEMBER.



# POSSIBLE DOWNSIZING OF TESS TO SUPPORT MOBILE REMOTE SERVICER BASE SYSTEM (MBS) REDESIGN



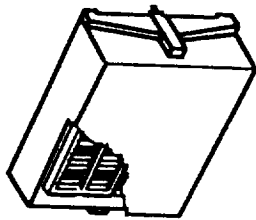
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# GROUND RULES FOR DOWNSIZING TESS

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- DESIRED RESULT IS LOWER WEIGHT AND VOLUME OF TESS.
  - SINGLE ORU IS A DESIGN GOAL.
- OPERATIONAL SCENARIOS STILL UNDEFINED.
  - REDUCE OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS DURING EVA/EVR MISSIONS
- REDUCTION OF TESS POWER AND ENERGY IS REASONABLE.
 

	<u>WAS</u>	<u>NOW</u>
- ENERGY LEVEL	10 KWHR	3.4 KWHR
- NOMINAL POWER	3000 W	2300 W
- PEAK POWER	6000 W	3500 W
- TRANSLATION TIME	3.33 HRS	1.50 HRS
- NUMBER OF MISSIONS	150	50
- MAINTAIN CURRENT LEVEL OF TESS RELIABILITY.
  - FAIL DEGRADE, FAIL SAFE

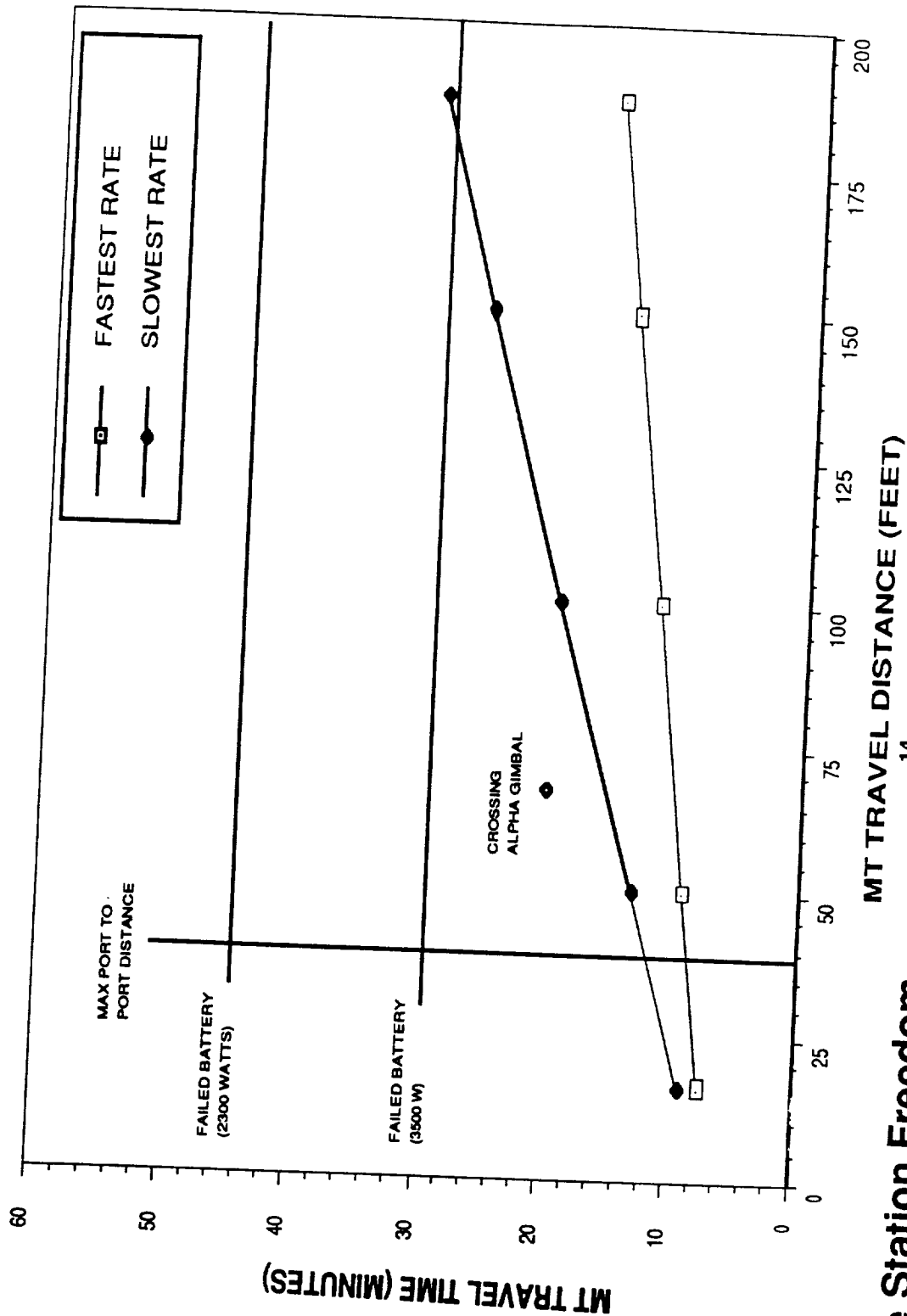


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# TRAVEL DISTANCE FOR MT BASED ON TESS SIZE

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BASED ON FAILED BATTERY CONDITION FOR AVERAGE & PEAK LOADS



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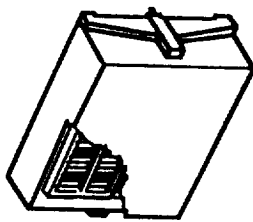
# TESS TRANSLATION OUTPUT CAPABILITY

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ASSUMING ONE EVA/EVR MISSION PER DAY.

TIMELINE - HOURS	
0	6, 8, OR 12 24
EVA/EVR MISSION	COOLDOWN/RECHARGE/ PREP FOR NEXT EVA/EVR
TESS	TESS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SUPPLIES 1.5 HRS OF MT TRANSLATION.</li> <li>SMALL AMOUNT OF COOLDOWN OR CHARGING DURING MBS OPERATIONS.</li> <li>POSSIBLE INCREASE OF MT TRANSLATION TIME TO 2 HRS.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COOLS AND RECHARGES AS NECESSARY TO BE AVAILABLE FOR NEXT DAY'S ACTIVITIES.</li> </ul>

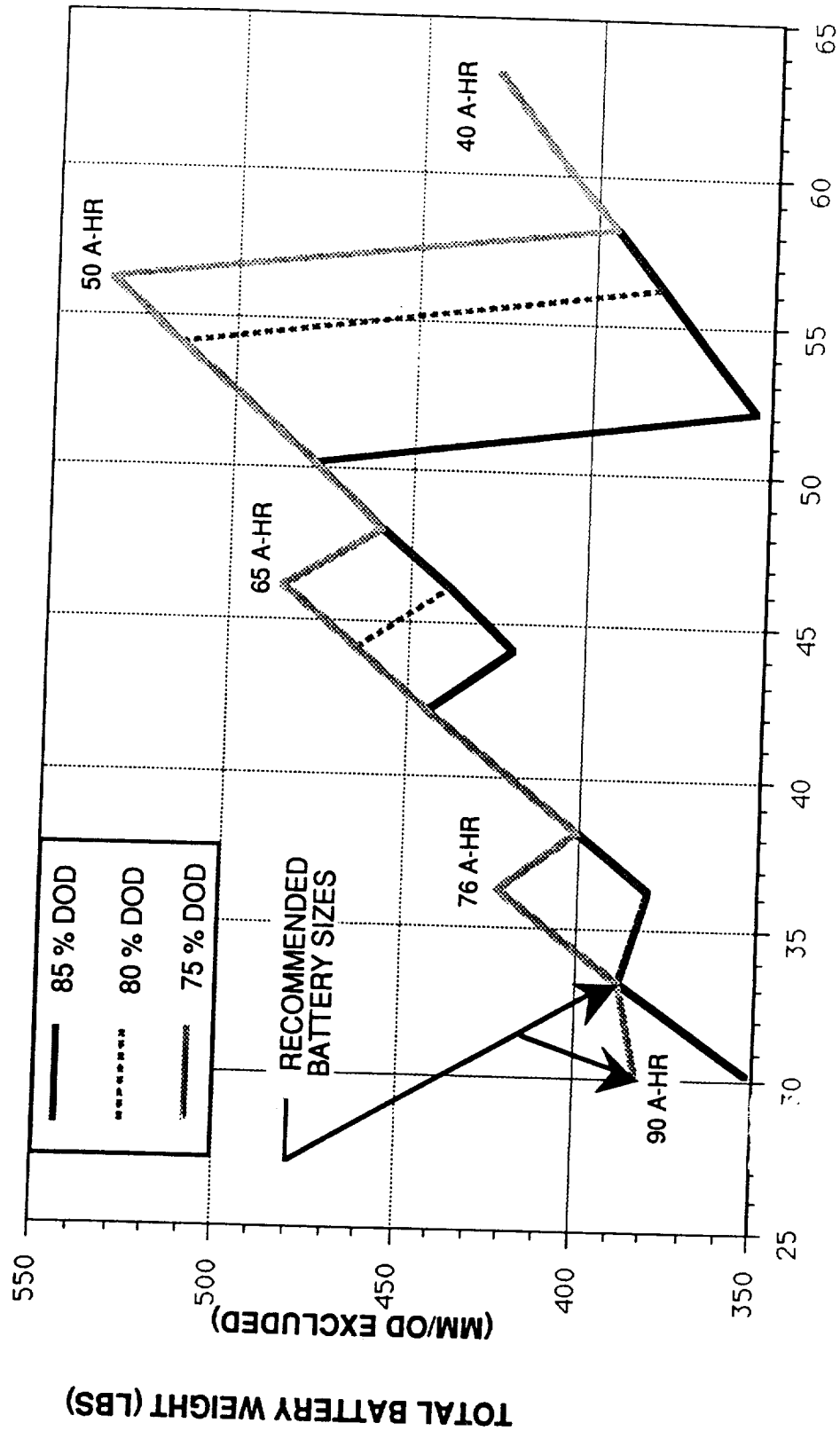
NOTE: TRANSLATION TIMES WILL BE CUT IN HALF FOR FAILED BATTERY CONDITION



# BATTERY SIZING BASED ON MAXIMUM DOD

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NUMBER OF NIH2 CELLS

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# TESS BATTERY WILL BE DISCHARGE RATE LIMITED

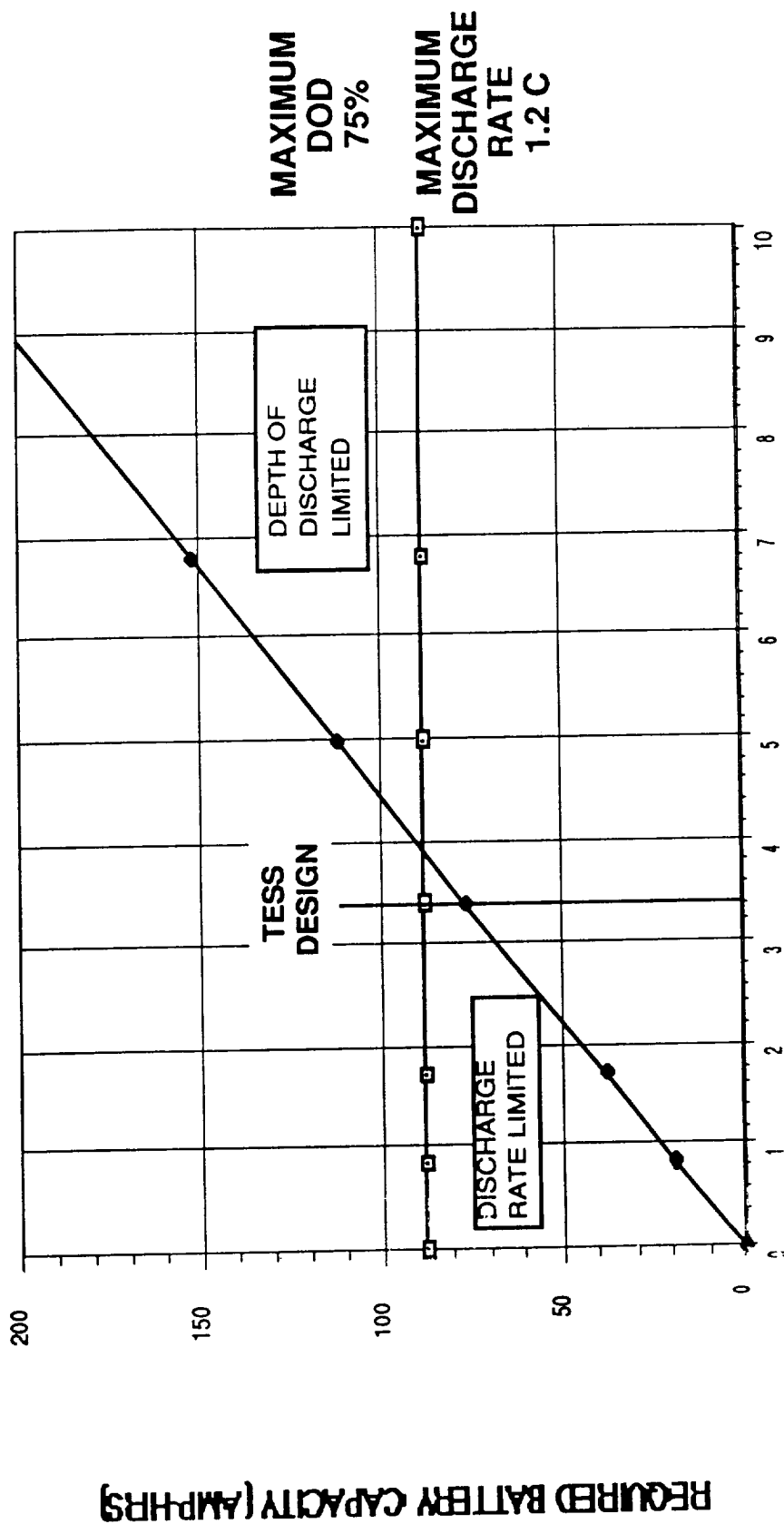
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AVERAGE POWER 2300 W

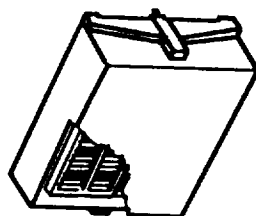
PEAK POWER 3500 W

33 NIH2 CELL BATTERY

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TESS BATTERY ENERGY (KW-HRS)

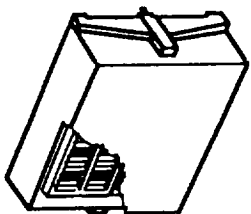


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## **DOWNSIZED TESS SOLUTION FOR MBS REDESIGN**

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- **REMOVE ONE TESS ORU**
- **REMOVE 63- CELL, 90 AMP-HR NIH2 BATTERY**
- **ADD TWO 33-CELL, 90 AMP-HR NIH2 BATTERIES**
- **CONNECT BATTERIES IN PARALLEL TO OBTAIN REDUNDANCY**



## RELATED NIH2 BATTERY CELL TESTING AT NASA-JSC

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- OBTAINED 8 HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE CELLS FROM NASA-MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER
- PAIR CELLS INTO FOUR, 2-CELL TEST PACKS
  - TWO PACKS FOR SSF ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEM SCENARIOS
  - TWO PACKS FOR TESS SCENARIOS
- ESTABLISH TESS OPERATING SCENARIOS
  - DISCHARGE RATES AND DURATIONS
  - CHARGE RATES AND DURATIONS
  - STANDRY PERIODS OF CONSTANT TRICKLE CHARGE
- TEST PREPARATION IN PROGRESS

